

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AHMEDABAD RAILWAY STATION
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ahmedabad (Kalupur) railway station has become the busiest junction in terms of passengers and vehicular traffic;
- (b) the remedial steps being taken by the Railways to ease the vehicular and passenger influx at Kalupur railway station;
- (c) whether the railways are considering to develop the Sabarmati railway station as terminal station for passengers and goods trains to avert heavy vehicular and passenger rush at Kalupur railway station on the same line as in the case of Secundrabad/ Baroda and Hazrat Nizamuddin;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R.VELU)

- (a): There has been an increase in passenger traffic by 3.5% for the current year (April,08–January, 09) at Ahmedabad station (Kalupur).
- (b):
 - (i) Ahmedabad station has been identified for development as World Class Station.
 - (ii) The parking facilities have been increased to cater to the increasing vehicular traffic. Stoppage of most of the Mail/Express trains are provided at Maninagar and Sabarmati i.e. stations adjacent to Ahmedabad to mitigate the passenger/vehicular traffic at Ahmedabad.
 - (iii) The work of conversion of meter gauge platform No. 9 and 10 into upgraded broad gauge platform is already sanctioned in Preliminary Works Programme 2007-08.
- (c) & (d): Sabarmati has already been developed as an alternate freight terminal for Ahmedabad and the existing Meter Gauge line has been converted into Broad Gauge to handle the increasing passenger traffic.